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Acadie-Bathurst goalie Nicholas Champion makes a save on Halifax forward Linden Bahm in the shootout to give the Titan a 3-2 victory over the Mooseheads in last night's QMJHL game at the Metro Centre. **Story, pg 11.**

# Litter on the rise

## Report shows Nova Scotians toss trash more

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Halifax

**Nova Scotians are littering more than they did four years ago, according to an Environment Department report released yesterday.**

The report found a 21 per cent increase in garbage tossed onto the street compared to 2004.

"We are disappointed that litter continues to be a problem in Nova Scotia," said David Morse, environment minister. "Nova Scotians need to understand that there are serious environmental, economic and social impacts when people do not dispose of their waste properly."

Last summer, the Nova

**"Littering not only hurts the environment, but hurts Nova Scotia's image as an international leader in solid waste management."**

Environment Minister David Morse

Scotia Youth Conservation Corps picked up trash from 55 randomly chosen sites across the province, including Halifax.

Members collected more than 16,000 pieces of garbage, including: cigarette butts, food wrappers, bottles and fast-food containers.

Almost three-quarters of the junk was discarded butts.

"One cigarette butt may be small, but when you add

them all up, we are talking about high ratios of toxic chemicals like tar, carbon monoxide and lead leaching into our soil, water systems and into the food chain," said Youth Corps volunteer Claire Simmons.

"I'm frustrated people can't take the extra few minutes to clean up after themselves," said Bill Ring, CEO of the Resource Recovery Fund Board. "As a former smoker, I'm sure I've littered. Now, I pick up fair-

ly often."

Progress has been made in cutting back on stray drink containers. When the survey was first conducted in 1989, 70 per cent of the waste was bottles; the deposit-return system introduced in 1996 is credited with dropping that number to five per cent.

"As Nova Scotia moves toward the goal of reducing the disposal rate to 300 kilograms of garbage per person, per year, the Department of Environment will continue to increase awareness about the litter problem," said Morse.

"Littering not only hurts the environment, but hurts Nova Scotia's image as an international leader in solid waste management."

## U.S. dances around 2011 departure

**AFGHANISTAN** Admiral Mike Mullen commands the world's most dominant military force, but there is clearly still some terrain upon which he is loath to tread.

The chairman of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff and his top commanders are travelling around the world trying to persuade governments to commit more forces to Afghanistan, and for longer periods of time.

But in a brief stop in Ottawa yesterday to meet Prime Minister

Stephen Harper and his Canadian counterpart, Chief of defence staff Gen. Walt Natynczyk, Mullen dared not address the new elephant in halls of NATO's Brussels headquarters — Canada's decision to quit the mission in 2011.

"Clearly combat forces who are there that make a difference are absolutely critical," he said when asked specifically about the Canadian withdrawal mandated by Parliament last year.

"I'm aware that 2011 is out there but I have literally not discussed that policy or the impacts of it."

Mullen's tap dance around the sensitive issue is in keeping with the new U.S. administration's effort to effort to use diplomacy to improve the view of America internationally.

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### Troops

- The current adjustment to the Afghan mission — how, when and where to deploy up to 30,000 additional U.S. soldiers — is the big question right now in Washington with little civilian knowledge of when the event will take place.



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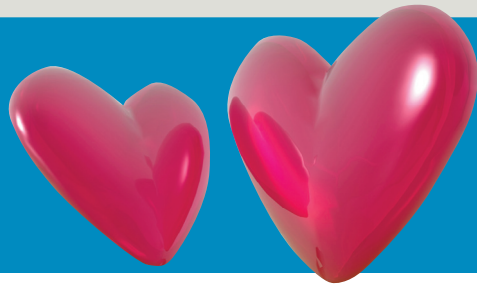
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# Local



## Talk to me, baby

How romantic: Just me and my cellphone. An online Angus Reid survey for Virgin Mobile found 40 per cent of Canadians would rather live without their Valentines than their cellphones for a week. **METRO HALIFAX**

### Dog's shooting not random: Police

**INVESTIGATION** Police are investigating the death of a dog that was shot.

Officers were called to an area on Gus Fleming Drive in Ketch Harbour at 9:15 a.m. yesterday. They found the body of a dog that had been shot. Police say it doesn't appear to be a random act.

### Couple arrested after car recovered

**CHARGES** A vehicle stolen in New Brunswick was spotted in Dartmouth on Monday night.

Police pulled over the vehicle just before 10 p.m. and the driver allegedly took off on foot. A woman passenger was arrested, and a police dog tracked down the driver who was hiding in a nearby yard. Both the man and woman were scheduled to appear in a Dartmouth courtroom yesterday morning to face charges of possession of stolen property. The woman faces other charges including possession of a prohibited weapon.

### Articles taken in home break-in

**ROBBERY** RCMP officers are investigating a robbery at a house on Highway 357 in Meagher's Grant.

A thief or thieves broke into the house on Monday while the owners were at work.

The back door was pried open and a cordless drill, saw, computer, digital camera, binoculars and antique jewelry are missing.

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**Blogs** Hollywood Rants against the pointlessness of movie ratings

**Video** Canada's Olympic athletes face high expectations in Vancouver at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)



## Strong job showings at fair

**JON TATTRIE**  
for Metro Halifax

**A record number of employers braved the economic storm to recruit university students at a summer job fair in Halifax yesterday.**

The annual fair, put on by Mount Saint Vincent University, Dalhousie University and Saint Mary's University, drew 60 exhibitors, up from an average of 40.

"This fair shows there are still opportunities for students. It's really promising — it's our largest event," said MSVU's Christine Frigault. She added that about 65 per cent of the employers are Nova Scotian.

"It echoes what happened with our September career fair, which was the biggest ever in the midst of what was to come with the economy," Frigault said. "Retirements still come up and businesses still need to fill those positions."

The Cunard Centre event is aimed at university students looking for summer work or careers. The exhibits offered work ranging

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Doug Rogers, left, a career adviser at Dalhousie, helps out Dalhousie master's student Kendrick Doll yesterday at the 2009 Summer Job Fair at the Cunard Centre.

from counsellors at summer camps to bank workers, stock traders and representatives from all three levels of government. At one section of the fair, the Canadian military sought new recruits alongside weapons maker Lockheed Martin and CSIS, the spy agency.

"We're recruiting new and emerging graduates. We

have a facility being constructed in Dartmouth," said Lockheed's Michael Barton. The company has 40 or 50 openings and is looking for engineers in particular.

The Lockheed Martin exhibit drew a small group of protesters outside the centre. Barton said the company was "comfortable" with that. "If they want to come talk to

us, we're here all day."

Hundreds of students milled about the event talking to potential employers.

Ruari Murphy, a psychology graduate from Saint Mary's University, said, "I'm hoping to get a few more bucks in my pocket this summer and then think about going back to do my master's."

## HRM crime drops for fourth straight year



A forensic identification officer with the RCMP looks for evidence on the front door of a Whites Lake home in this photo from November. Year-end stats for 2008 show that crime rates are continuing to go down in HRM.

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The results are in and crime was down across HRM for the fourth year in a row last year.

According to police statistics, 2008 saw a drop in both violent crime (down six per cent from 2007) and property crime (down 11 per cent from 2007).

"It's a combination of a number of initiatives we've undertaken combined with new officers that have been provided to us," said Halifax Regional Police spokesman Const. Jeff Carr.

The downturn in crime has paired pretty closely with the growing police force. In 2005 there were a little more than 400 sworn Halifax Regional Police officers, said Carr. Today that number has risen to 518.

Both the city and province have funded new officers. In late 2007 police Chief Frank Beazley said there was not enough police to fully tackle some high-crime pockets across HRM.

### Youth stats

• While crime has been decreasing in Halifax in general, one area bucking the trend is violent youth crime. The number of 12- to 17-year-olds charged with violent crimes has been steadily inching upwards. Whether that continued in 2008 will be released in a July Statistics Canada report.

Yesterday Carr said many of the new officers have been deployed to those areas, and three new community offices have been set up in Greystone, Bayers/Westwood and Scotia Court in Dartmouth.

"I'm not sure if we set any goal numbers-wise, but obviously our goal in any year is to reduce crime," said Carr. "So we're happy to see that happen this year."

Both break and enters and motor vehicle thefts saw massive drops in 2008. Break and enters fell by 23 per cent, while motor vehicle thefts were down 17 per cent. Robberies were down eight per cent overall.

### Halved plow times get council's OK

**CITY HALL** After unplowed streets slowed paramedics from getting to a 71-year-old woman, council voted to support cutting plow times in half yesterday.

Priority 2 streets don't have to be plowed for 24 hours.

Purcell's Cove-Armdale Coun. Linda Mosher wants the city to always have Priority 1 deadline of 12 hours. Unplowed streets delayed paramedics from getting to a resident in her district who was having a health emergency.

Then, when paramedics brought her home hours later they had to carry her through a neighbour's yard because the road still was not plowed.

"This is a serious safety issue. This resident could have died, it could be fatal," said Mosher.

Yesterday's vote doesn't make the new deadlines law. Staff will come back with a report on how much it will cost and that will be debated at budget time for next winter. However, other parts of the report can be enacted immediately, such as creating stiffer penalties for snow removal contractors who don't meet their targets.

**PAUL MCLEOD/METRO HALIFAX**

### News in brief

**CORRECTION** The double murder of Brandon Beals, 21 and Martaze Provo, 25, happened in East Preston two years ago. Incorrect information appeared in yesterday's Metro.

**VINEYARD PACKAGE** The Kings Community Economic Development Agency (Kings CED Agency) has just launched a Winery & Vineyard Attraction Package. The Winery & Vineyard Attraction Project for Nova Scotia, which commenced on August 11, 2008, set out to create a marketing package and website outlining the opportunities of investing in the Nova Scotia Winery and Vineyard industry. The Nova Scotia wine industry's long-term growth strategy outlines an increase of vineyard acreage in the province from 400 to 1,000 acres, an increase in the number of wineries from 10 to 20 and an increase in industry revenue from \$7.2 million to \$23 million by 2020. All package content can be viewed at [www.investinnovascotiawine.ca](http://www.investinnovascotiawine.ca). **METRO HALIFAX**



**Check traffic on your phone**

Drivers can now check a text report on Nova Scotia's road conditions from their cellphones. The province launched the 5-1-1 mobile system yesterday. **METRO HALIFAX**



Vehicles pass through the Cogswell interchange on Monday. Council is requesting development proposals for the land that will be freed up when the interchange is eventually torn down.

# Facelift for Cogswell

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**City hall is putting out a call to demolish and develop the Cogswell Interchange, but in the meantime the roadway will cost us hundreds of thousands of dollars.**

Yesterday council voted to issue a request for proposal on a master plan for the interchange site.

Staff told council there will be close to \$500,000 in maintenance on the interchange over the next six to eight months, and the long-term upkeep costs will just get higher.

So council is looking for the best use of the site while keeping it as a gate-

way to the downtown.

"It will reconnect the Gottingen Street area with the downtown again," said Downtown Halifax Coun. Dawn Sloane.

"I challenge anyone ... to go from downtown Halifax past the Cogswell Street Interchange and try to get up to Gottingen Street without feeling like you're in a very desolate place.

"It's pretty rotten."

The site covers more than 13 acres and has no height restrictions. Four proposals have already been submitted, but staff are aware of more.

The interchange was originally built in the '60s as part of a plan to build a

**"I back it because it's very important, but I just wonder if we'll get the same value as we would have got a few years ago if we'd have done it when we should have done it."**

Coun. Jerry Blumenthal

harbour expressway along the waterfront.

That plan was eventually killed by citizen opposition, and many have spent years lobbying to demolish the interchange.

Replacing the interchange was one of the main goals of HRMbyDesign.

Several councillors argued it has already taken far too long.

North End Halifax Coun. Jerry Blumenthal

said Halifax had waited until the worst time to develop the site because of the economic downturn.

"I back it because it's very important, but I just wonder if we'll get the same value as we would have got a few years ago if we'd have done it when we should have done it," said Blumenthal.

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## NSP wants you to dig into your pockets

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Nova Scotia Power plans to invest \$100 million over the next five years to address what Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil called a "crisis in confidence" over the company's ability to keep the lights on during storms, and NSP wants the rate payer to fund it.

Speaking to the legislature's economic development committee yesterday, CEO Rob Bennett admitted reliability has declined since the early 2000s.

"We've experienced a number of very significant weather events that have had a negative impact on the power system, primarily trees falling on the lines," he said. "If we're going to see winds of more than 100 kilometres per hour routinely, once or twice a year in this province, then the funda-

mental design of the power system needs to change."

Bennett said NSP is working to reverse the downward trend and will be seeking permission to spend \$20 million a year more on improvements, which would cost rate payers about one per cent more per year. Asked if parent company Emera should invest profit into maintenance, he said: "The returns (on shareholder's investments) are regulated. They've actually helped finance the returns we are talking

about, so to remove that part of the process is counter-productive."

McNeil said customers have had enough. "When you have a regulated monopoly and are the only game in town, you don't have a right to annually send \$100 million to Emera and not keep up with general maintenance ... and expect the rate payer to dig into their pocket to cover that shortfall."

### News in brief

**CANCELLED** Halifax's International Writers Festival has been cancelled. The gathering of the literary world's big names was scheduled to run in the city from April 1 to 4, but organizer Heather Gibson pulled the plug due to economic tough times. The festival relies on big names like Pico Iyer, David Richard Adams and Ami McKay to draw crowds, but that wasn't coming together this

year. "Publishers just aren't touring those kinds of big names right now," she told Quill and Quire magazine. Gibson is also involved in September's Word on the Street festival, but that is set to go ahead as scheduled. Gibson left open the possibility of somebody else reviving the international festival when the economy picks up in future years.

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## Band councillor appears in court on firearms and drug charges

**MILLBROOK** Millbrook's band administrator sat stoically as he made his first court appearance yesterday on a litany of firearm and drug-related charges following Monday night's raid of his Willow Street home.

Alexander Keith Cope, 44, of 780 Willow St., appeared briefly in Truro provincial court yesterday afternoon for a bail hearing. He is facing 36 charges, including possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking, producing marijuana, producing cannabis resin and possessing cannabis resin.

Police seized a total of 16 firearms, including 13 long guns, two revolvers and a pistol. Charges of careless stor-

age of a firearm accompanies each of the gun charges and he is also charged with possession of stolen property from Manitoba involving one of the rifles.

RCMP spokesman Sgt. Mark Gallagher said the fact Cope is a band councillor had no impact on the investigation.

"None whatsoever. We carry on our investigation like we would any other investigation of people that are dealing with drugs," he said during an afternoon news conference at the Millbrook RCMP detachment.

Cope's common-law wife of nine years, Nicole Williams, 30, who is four-month's pregnant, faces the



Alex Cope is led into Truro provincial court yesterday to answer to firearm and drug-related charges following a search of his Millbrook home Monday.

same charges as Cope.

Both were released from custody on strict conditions, including a 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

curfew.

Cope was ordered to post a bail of \$10,000 cash. He is permitted to be outside the

community or the province on band business, providing he has advance permission from the RCMP to do so. His curfew conditions apply regardless of his location.

Cope is to return for an election and plea on March 4.

Williams, who took deep breaths and appeared to fight back tears as she sat with her hands clasped in front of her stomach while in the courtroom, is to return for a plea on March 18.

Police said they obtained the search warrant on information firearms were not secured properly inside the home at the Millbrook-Truro border.

Cope is serving his eighth two-year term as a band

councillor in Millbrook and has been the Chignecto-Central Regional School Board's First Nations representative since being appointed by the education minister in August 2003.

"While the charges are obviously troubling he hasn't been found guilty of them," said education department spokesman Peter McLaughlin. "We have to respect the court process."

Chief Lawrence Paul said council would discuss the issue at its Feb. 18 council meeting and take advice from its solicitor.

He did say the charges show nobody is above the law in Millbrook.

**TRURO DAILY NEWS**



The Saudi supreme court has rejected the death sentence of Mohamed Kohail of Montreal and has asked the lower court to revise its ruling. Kohail was convicted of murder and sentenced to a public beheading after a schoolyard brawl in 2007. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

# Canada



## ACE Aviation launches share bid

Air Canada's parent company, ACE Aviation Holdings Inc., said yesterday it launched a new \$84-million offer for its preferred shares as it seeks to complete the windup of its operations. ACE said it aims to buy back 4.2 million outstanding preferreds at \$20 each, giving holders the opportunity to deposit their shares if they did not do so under the previous offer.

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## Immigration target may drop: Minister

**Rising unemployment could force the federal government to nudge shut the door on thousands of foreigners looking to make Canada their new home, Immigration Minister Jason Kenney says.**

While Ottawa is sticking by its pledge to accept 240,000 to 265,000 permanent residents this year, the worsening economic outlook may prompt the government to rethink that target in the coming months, Kenney said yesterday.

"We don't want people coming to Canada and facing unemployment. We need to be sensitive to the changing labour market," he said.

Kenney said Canada,

### Present pledge

• The current target of up to 265,000 permanent residents includes up to 156,600 immigrants in the

economic category, 71,000 in the family category and 37,400 in the humanitarian category.

which accepted 247,000 permanent residents last year, so far "stands alone" among other nations by maintaining its levels for permanent residents. However, he conceded that may change, given economic conditions.

Federal and provincial immigration officials plan to meet next month and decide whether to tinker with the target.

But Kenney made clear his preference is to stick with the current target, call-

ing new immigrants the "fuel" of the economy, once it turns around.

"We're going to need immigration as a source of economic growth. In the next decade, 100 per cent of our net labour market growth will be as a result of immigration," he said. "We don't want to turn off the tap of the future growth that is represented by immigration."

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## Complications Seal hunt delayed



Robert Courtney, sealer and president of North of Smokey Fishermen's Association, stands in Auld's Cove, N.S., yesterday. Courtney said that complications with buyers over pelts was the reason behind the postponement of the annual East Coast grey seal hunt.

PAUL DABROW/REUTERS

### News in brief

**WORK PERMIT** China expressed unhappiness yesterday at Canada's granting of a work permit to Lai Changxing, a Chinese man accused by Beijing of being

a smuggling kingpin.

**ENVIRONMENT** A coalition of Canadian and U.S. environmental groups has launched a cross-

border campaign ahead of Barack Obama's visit to Canada, urging the U.S. president to stick to his new energy plan.

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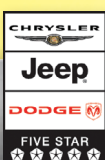
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The giant particle collider built to reproduce Big Bang conditions for atomic study will now be restarted in September to allow time for \$37 million in repairs, the European Organization for Nuclear Research said. It was originally planned to be restarted in the summer. **REUTERS**

# World

***"They should be allowed to rot in jail."***

Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd on appropriate punishment for possible arsonists suspected of starting the nation's worst bushfires.



## Operation Phoenix

As the death toll from Australia's bushfires looked to top 200, police launched Operation Phoenix, the nation's biggest arson investigation, to catch anyone who started a "suspicious" blaze. They noted there were no natural events such as lightning that would have sparked the fires. **REUTERS**

## Vote too close to call

Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni claimed victory in yesterday's election but her right-wing challenger Benjamin Netanyahu said he should be prime minister after a cliffhanger vote that was too close to call.

Exit polls gave Livni's centrist Kadima party 29 seats, a two-seat lead over former premier Netanyahu's Likud. But neither won more than a quarter of parliament's seats and the early counting showed the right narrowing the gap to just a single seat.

### What next?

- A tight finish will hand a key role to President Shimon Peres, who in theory can nominate any legislator to try to form a government.
- In practice, the leader of the biggest party is nominated after an election.

An overall rightward shift in the 120-seat Knesset will, in any case, dent hopes in U.S. President Barack Obama's adminis-

tration for an Israeli coalition to push for peace with the Palestinians and other Arab neighbours after last month's war in the Gaza Strip.

Livni urged her main rival to join a national unity coalition under her leadership. But Netanyahu said polls showed there would be a right-wing majority in Israel's highly fragmented parliamentary system and that his Likud party would be able to head a new coalition. **REUTERS**

## Philippines Dolphin rescue



Residents and fishermen watch hundreds of dolphins swim away from the shoreline in Orion, north of Manila, yesterday. Dozens of fishing boats tried to stop the disoriented dolphins from beaching themselves near Manila Bay, officials said.

## Haggling begins over U.S. stimulus

**ECONOMY** U.S. lawmakers began haggling in earnest over a final package of tax cuts and spending yesterday after the Senate passed its \$838-billion US version of a rescue plan to fight the deep recession.

U.S. President Barack Obama wants the Democrat-controlled Congress to deliver a package by this weekend so he can sign it into law but must keep together a narrow coalition that wants the price tag lower — at about \$800 billion.

The Senate voted 61-37 yesterday to approve its version, with support from just three Republicans. The House had earlier passed its \$819 billion package with no Republican support. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

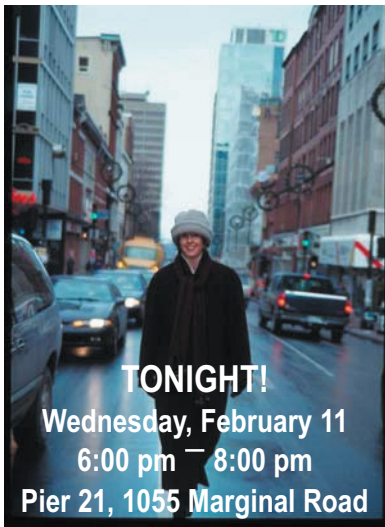
**BANGLADESH** More than 200 people, including policemen, were injured and 20 were arrested in clashes with technical college students across Bangladesh yesterday over a new, stricter academic policy.

**FRANCE** A storm cut off power to 608,000 homes in northern France, in the second major storm to hit the country in three weeks. Gale force winds killed four and cut power to two million homes on Jan. 24.

**TRIAL** Amer Mushtaq Butt, a Pakistani man, went on trial in France yesterday for setting his ex-girlfriend Chahrazade Belayni on fire and causing third-degree burns after she refused to marry him. **REUTERS**

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The Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (NSTIR) and Halifax Regional Municipality (HRM) are exploring the future best use of the Bayers Road / Highway 102 Corridor from Windsor Street, Halifax to Fall River. The study includes traffic projections and functional designs that could be implemented in stages over a 30-year period. The location of the proposed Highway 107 from Akerley Blvd in Burnside to Highway 102 near Duke Street (Exit 4C) has also been updated and evaluated. The study was conducted by Stantec Consulting on behalf of NSTIR and HRM. Two public information sessions will be held to present the findings of the study and the functional design of the roadways and interchanges:

### • Wednesday, February 11, 2009

at the St. Andrew's Centre, 6955 Bayer's Road, Halifax, from 6pm to 9pm with a presentation at 6:30pm.

### • Thursday, February 12, 2009

at the LeBrun Community Centre, 36 Holland Avenue, Bedford from 6pm to 9pm with a presentation at 6:30pm.

NSTIR, HRM and Consultant staff will be in attendance at the public information sessions to discuss the study and answer questions. If you have questions regarding the upcoming sessions, please contact Bernadette Landry, P. Eng at 434-7331 or by e-mail at [bernadette.landry@stantec.com](mailto:bernadette.landry@stantec.com).



**Book publisher HarperCollins to lay off staff**

Book publisher HarperCollins, part of Rupert Murdoch's News Corp., is laying off staff, offering buyouts and closing a division to save money as consumers cut their spending. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Bank chief still confident

**The Bank of Canada has plenty of flexibility to cut rates and expand liquidity operations if needed, but it expects a U.S. bank stabilization plan to mark the gradual return of confidence to the global financial system, governor Mark Carney said yesterday.**

Grilled by legislators on a parliamentary finance committee, Carney also defended his highly questioned forecast for Canada's quick recovery from the recession to growth of 3.8 per cent next year.

Carney sought to assure legislators that the central bank has not run out of op-

**"We do realism at the Bank of Canada. We don't do spin."**

Mark Carney

tions to stimulate the economy and that, in comparison to some other countries, its rate cuts have translated into lower mortgages and rates throughout the system.

The bank has cut its benchmark overnight rate by 350 basis points since December 2007 to a 50-year low of one per cent. Its last cut was on Jan. 22 and its next decision is due March 3.

The bank has injected billions into money markets, peaking at \$40 billion in December, and Carney said the bank stands ready to expand those operations if conditions warrant such action.

In defending his growth projections, Carney said the bank used 21 different forecasting models but also applied a considerable dose of personal judgment to its outlook, because of the highly uncertain global financial situation.

"We don't do optimism, we don't do pessimism. We do realism at the Bank of Canada. We don't do spin," he said. **REUTERS**

## The DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

### Sick days costly:

In 2007, full-time working Canadians took an average of 9.9 sick days, a full day more than just four years earlier, resulting in more than 169 million missed days of work. According to Statistics Canada, the impact of this absent workforce could take a heavy toll on the weakened economy with potentially billions lost.

### Etruscan confirms two African gold targets:

Etruscan Resources Inc. has reported that it has received results from auger drilling completed in late December that confirm the presence of two major gold targets for drilling on the Keniebandi Permit in western Mali in Africa.

### Halifax-produced series licensed to Disney:

DHX Media Ltd. announced a licensing agreement yesterday between its DECODE Enterprises distribution subsidiary and the Disney Channels in Southeast Asia and Latin America for its new television series *Mighty Jungle*. The show is produced by DHX Media's Halifax Film subsidiary and commissioned by the CBC.

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## HBC looks to Olympics for brand revitalization

**GAMES** The new owners of the Hudson's Bay Co. will face one of their first visible tests tomorrow when they unveil the Olympic torchbearers' uniform on a stage in Whistler, B.C., as part of a high-profile one-year countdown to the 2010 Winter Games.

Canada's oldest retailer is hoping to revitalize its brand by linking its image more closely to the Games. As part of that effort, the company is launching a redesigned corporate logo, one that will be on the Olympic uniforms.

So far the company has failed to capitalize effectively on its position as the

### Background

- Hudson's Bay Co. won the right four years ago to outfit Canada's athletes for the next four Olympics.

official outfitter. Indeed, some of the wilder-looking orange-print merchandise developed in conjunction with the Beijing Games languished in its stores.

Jeffrey Sherman, the executive who runs the parent firm, the Hudson's Bay Trading Co., said he believes success is just a matter of properly designing and marketing merchandise.

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### Business in brief

**MUSIC** The world's largest concert promoter, Live Nation Inc., plans to buy Ticketmaster Entertainment Inc. for about \$400 million US in stock. But shares of both companies fell

yesterday amid concerns the acquisition would be blocked by U.S. antitrust regulators under the new Obama administration. **REUTERS**



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# Comment & Views

## Comment

# Men: Give gifts a little thought

### ModernLife



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What is it with men and gifts? How can a man who has written poetry for his lover, feted her with engraved trinkets suddenly show up with kitchen gad-

gets?

A blip on the radar, but mention this to other women and immediately the taps start flowing.

"At least you got something," moans one. "My last birthday my husband gave me nothing. Nothing."

Another woman's husband arrived home from work one birthday and announced, "Your present's in the trunk if you want to go out and get it."

Not all stories are bad. One friend's husband gave her a lamp crafted from a piece of driftwood he had

### Valentine'sDay

found on a beach they had visited. A little weird, but thoughtful.

Another male friend tells me his wife wanted to learn to play the saxophone, so he bought her one. The next year she received sheet music to go with it. "The key," he says, "is listening. Sometimes I store it in my memory, other times my BlackBerry."

Ah yes — listening — an excellent way to figure out

your gal. Alana Gun, who runs a gift basket franchise in Winnipeg, says, "Men have no ideas. If they do, it's to put flowers in a gift basket. You cannot cover flowers in cello wrap." (Speaking of flowers, what is it with men and carnations?)

What also is it that makes a dude think he can use the Hallmark conspiracy theory to calm a disappointed woman. (I should be able to give you something any day I want). When I was married, I simply told my husband where to pick up my gift — behind the counter

of the store where it was being saved. Kind of took the surprise out of it, but that wasn't a bad thing.

Good gifts may not necessarily mean a great guy, but bad or no gifts start to grate on a woman. It signifies he doesn't care enough to listen.

Some guys just have it. When my son was six, he took my pink Post-it notes, drew an arrow on each one, placing them all the way up the stairs and into my room. On my pillow was a note reading, "I love you."

Guys, I can't tell you what

to give because every woman is different. Try to remember past conversations for clues, even a word. Stressed = spa; sexy = lingerie; very stressed out = trip. (By the way, sex is not a present for women, only for men.)

For most women, it's not the thought that counts, but that there's been any thought at all that really matters.

Georgie Binks is a Toronto freelance writer who has written about gender and relationships for CBC.ca, Elle, Chatelaine and Homemakers.

## Word on the street: Should Vancouver scale down its Winter Olympics plans for 2010 in light of the current economic conditions?

### Kristin Teasell

age 21, Toronto

A: I think that it's kind of like an investment. It's tough to weigh, but in the long run, I think it will bring a lot of money into Canada.



### Yusuf Gad

age 32, Toronto

A: Yes. ... The people of Vancouver shouldn't get stuck with the bill knowing full well that the corporations are going to make money on it.



### Amanda Young

age 23, Calgary

A: What I learned (at university) is tourism actually brings a lot of revenue to the city. As long as they can use the facilities afterwards, I think they should (spend the money).



### Mark Weir

age 28, Ottawa

A: I think it should be somewhat scaled down ... If everyone has to cut back, I think the Olympics can maybe do without so many fireworks and things like that.



### Aly Jetha

age 39, Vancouver

A: Absolutely not. The larger the Olympics, the better it is for the economy because more money will come into the economy.



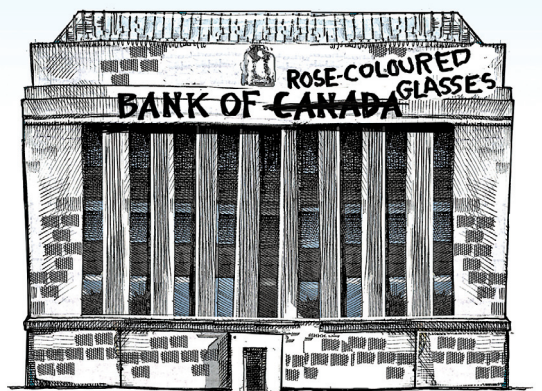
### Laura Steffen

age 26, Vancouver

A: Yes, because I believe that Vancouver is going to end up as broke as other cities have when they've had the Olympics.



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Toronto's Chris Bosh, left, will not play in Sunday's NBA all-star game due to a sprained right knee. Bosh missed last night's game at Minnesota, his third straight game on the sidelines. He'll be replaced by guard Mo Williams of the Cavaliers. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports



## Hudec's Olympic hopes take hit

Canadian downhill skier Jan Hudec, left, learned yesterday he will need surgery to repair a torn ACL in his left knee. The 27-year-old Calgary resident suffered the injury during a fall Saturday at the world ski championships in France. Hudec will undergo surgery at a clinic in London, Ont., sometime in the next week.

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### Phelps' bong-gate takes new turn?

**NEWS** A South Carolina television station reported yesterday that police arrested eight people in connection with the house party in which U.S. swimmer Michael Phelps was photographed smoking what was alleged to be marijuana.

According to WIS-TV, police reportedly tracked down the bong Phelps was photographed using after its owner allegedly tried to sell it on eBay for US\$100,000. Police have not confirmed the arrests.

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### Sports in brief

**CFL** Montreal Alouettes quarterback Anthony Calvillo announced yesterday that he will play in the 2009 season. Whether he would play or not was contingent on his wife's health.

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## Stanley Cup preview?

### NHL RESULT

Sharks 5 Bruins 2



**Milan Michalek notched the game-winning goal during an early third-period burst, as San Jose upended Boston 5-2 in a battle of the NHL's top teams last night.**

Patrick Marleau picked up a goal and two assists for the Sharks, who halted a three-game losing streak and moved within four points of Boston for the most points in the league. Rob Blake, Joe Thornton and Mike Grier also tallied and Evgeni Nabokov

stopped 28 shots for the win.

Milan Lucic scored twice for the Bruins, who have dropped their last two after winning four straight, but still lead the NHL with a 39-9-7 record for 85 points.

Tim Thomas allowed four goals on 30 shots, suffering just his sixth regulation loss of the season.

The Sharks broke open the contest with three goals in a six-plus minute span in the final period.

Marleau found a loose puck at the top of the crease and stashed it home 3:32 into the third to tie the game, and Michalek rang a hard shot off the crossbar for the go-ahead tally at 7:28.

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Boston's Milan Lucic and the Sharks' Marcel Goc collide.

### Sports in brief

**MLB** Five-time all-star Miguel Tejada is expected to plead guilty today to lying to U.S. Congress about his knowledge of other baseball players using steroids, a legal source and court documents revealed yesterday. Tejada, 34, the American League's Most Valuable Player in 2002 while with the Oakland Athletics, was charged yesterday with making the misrepresentations to congressional staff members in 2005 when he said he never knew of any other player using steroids.



Tejada

**NHL** The Dallas Stars have assigned left-winger Sean Avery to Hartford, the AHL affiliate of the New York Rangers. Avery was suspended by the NHL for six games without pay following comments he made in Calgary in December regarding his ex-girlfriends dating other hockey players.

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**Huskies climb hockey rankings**

The Saint Mary's Huskies have risen to fourth in the Canadian Interuniversity Sport men's hockey ranking. The Huskies will look to inch closer to a first-round playoff bye tonight at 7 p.m. at the Halifax Forum against the Acadia Axemen. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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New Rainmen head coach Les Berry, left, says his team has "a ton of work to do" on the offensive side.

## New Rainmen coach ready to work team

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**Les Berry's eyes light up as soon as the discussion turns to the talent and athleticism he has at his fingertips.**

As the new head coach of the Halifax Rainmen, he can draw up above-the-rim plays he never dreamed of during his days running university clubs at Acadia and Brandon.

His head is spinning with the possibilities, and he said his Rainmen "have a ton of work to do" on the offensive side after beating the Vermont Frost Heaves for the first time ever on Sunday, despite only four days of practice with him.

"There's going to be lots more put into the offence," Berry said. "I want to utilize the certain skills guys have, so I can put them in positions that they can be successful offensively so

we can be successful. That's my job as coach."

Whether it was carefully constructed by Berry or just his group of talented athletes freelancing, there were plenty of high-flying plays on Sunday that had the crowd gasping.

Berry describes the Rainmen's offence as "not so stagnant" as it was before he arrived but says improved consistency at both ends of the floor will be a key going forward.

He said he needs another 30 practices — basically until the playoffs — "to be consistent in what we do."

"One game doesn't make a season," he cautioned. "I want to get back to practice and work on specific things that will make us better for the stretches we didn't look so good."

The Rainmen (7-5) play home games Friday against the Detroit Panthers and Sunday against the Quebec Kébs.

# Last-minute heroics earn Moose a shootout point

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**Linden Bahm's last-minute heroics earned the Halifax Mooseheads a point that none of them felt they deserved.**

The 19-year-old forward netted the game-tying goal with 33.5 seconds remaining in what would eventually be a 3-2 shootout loss to the Bathurst Titan at the Metro Centre.

The Mooseheads' coaching staff addressed what was mostly an uninspired effort in the locker room post-game.

"We know what we did wrong and we talked about it," Bahm said. "We came out flat. If we had come out with energy, it would have been a really good game for us to win."

The last-place Mooseheads, whose playoff hopes fade every time they don't get two points out of a game, considered the matchup with the young Titan team (21-25-5-5) winnable.

But without the energy they've shown during a recent stretch, they were lucky to even be in position to tie it.

"We got a point out of it, that's probably the only positive," Bahm said bluntly. "We need all the points we can get."

"It's still a loss," countered Halifax defenceman Pascal Amyot moments later. "We play for two points every night. It's better than nothing, yeah, but it's disappointing. We know we can give a lot better effort than that."

Justin Pender scored Halifax's other goal, while Mooseheads goalie Mark Yetman was largely responsible for the point, making 34 saves and getting the nod as third star.

Yetman was beaten on shootout attempts by Spencer Jezegou and Artem Demkov but continues to shine after being handed a heavy workload of 12 starts in the past 13 games.

"Yeti is playing great," Bahm said. "He's been backstopping us, getting shot after shot, and he's coming up big. That's what we need, and he's doing a great job."

The Mooseheads (15-33-3-3) are two points behind Lewiston and three behind Val-d'Or and Baie-Comeau. They must pass two of those teams in the



Acadie-Bathurst Titan defenceman Maxime Renaud and goaltender Nicholas Champion celebrate after defeating the Mooseheads 3-2 in a shootout last night at the Metro Centre.

### Fan favourites

- The Halifax Mooseheads are slowly inching closer toward naming the franchise's all-time fan favourite. The Mooseheads named goaltender Pascal Leclaire No. 8 on the all-time list yesterday, as voted by their fans during the first half of the season. The top seven players will be unveiled pri-

or to each of the team's remaining home games. Last year's captain, Andrew Bodnarchuk, was named No. 9 while former 60-goal scorer Jason King was No. 10. Robbie Sutherland, Alexandre Picard, Ramzi Abid, Petr Vrana and Kevin Cormier form the rest of the Top 15.

final 14 games to make the playoffs.

- The crowd of 5,209 is the second lowest on

record in franchise history, eight more than the crowd of 5,209 last Oct. 30 ... Forward Matt Boland sat out with a shoulder injury ... The Mooseheads hit the road for the next three games starting Friday against the Gatineau Olympiques.

For more coverage of the Mooseheads, visit Matthew Wuest's Q Files blog at [www.metronews.ca/qfiles](http://www.metronews.ca/qfiles)

### Sports in brief

**SWIMMING** Swimmers from the Dalhousie Tigers swept the Atlantic University Sport athlete-of-the-week awards yesterday. Fifth-year Toronto native Bryce Tung got the nod on the men's side, and fourth-year athlete Kristen Vandenberg of London, Ont., was the top woman.

**SOCCER** Halifax's Molly Allen has been named an NCAA Mid-Atlantic Region all-freshman by Soccer Buzz Magazine. The Virginia Commonwealth defender started all 17 games she played. Her season wrapped up in late-October.

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# Metro Drive

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## Vue from a class

Student engineers from three Canadian universities have unveiled their projects in the EcoCAR competition at the Washington Auto Show, Canadian Driver reports. The three-year challenge requires students to fit alternative technologies to Saturn Vue vehicles. The participating universities are: University of Victoria, University of Ontario Institute of Technology and University of Waterloo. CANADIANDRIVER.COM



The new BMW Z4 is one of the many debuts at the Canadian International Auto Show in Toronto. The event kicks off this Friday.

# New age dawns

The future's on hyperdrive at Toronto auto show

MARK ATKINSON  
for Metro Canada



**Despite a challenging economy and a reduced market outlook for 2009, the Canadian International Auto Show makes its return to Toronto Friday. And while the weather might be cold and gloomy, the show itself will feature some of the hottest new models and technology influencing the sector today.**

The event's theme for 2009 is "The New Era," a way to show the public that offerings are changing rapidly given the economic and environmental challenges facing the auto industry today. David McClean, the show's director of marketing services, thinks the show is evolving with consumer tastes and demands.

"We used 'The Turning Point' in 2008, and it was clear the industry was evolving in a new direction, but there wasn't much in the

## Top debuts in Toronto

- **Nissan NV 2500:** This is a world debut of Nissan's first in a new line of commercial vehicles that's set to challenge the likes of Ford and General Motors.
- **Toyota Prius/Lexus HS250:** Canadian debuts of Toyota's latest pair of hybrid sedans. Prius hasn't altered its look too much from last generation, but power and fuel economy are both improved. Upscale Lexus HS250 will be the first dedicated luxury hybrid model.
- **Volkswagen Golf:** Latest generation of VW's

venerable hatchback has been on sale in Europe for a few months, but this will be our first up-close look. More a facelift than a complete redesign, no word yet on what engines will be available for Canada.

- **Ford Taurus:** From staid to stunning, the new Ford Taurus is the result of Ford's promise to improve its car-based offerings. Will offer the company's new EcoBoost engines, and is said to revive the SHO badge of the late '80s.

MARK ATKINSON/FOR METRO CANADA

way of tangible evidence yet. It was almost too early," he said.

"This year, 'The New Era' reflects all of these global issues we're facing."

McClean is very enthusiastic about the new technology on display at this year's show, including hybrids, diesels and electrics. "The public will get to see all the alternatives to the gasoline engine. And we have the new 'GTA in Motion — The Future is Electric' showcase, where they can see some first-generation electric vehicles on display."

Also, students from Humber College will participate in the show, and will "create and demonstrate electric mobility solutions that embrace the viability of the all-electric future."

Hybrid, electric and diesel technology has never been hotter, and you can expect the concept vehicles and debuts to reflect that spirit of change. "The New Era" indeed; four of the five concepts to be shown are powered by something other than gasoline.

Away from the "green"

theme, some of the desirable machinery introduced will focus on high-end Canadian debuts, including the new Audi S4 and V10-powered R8, the BMW Z4, Lincoln MKT, Cadillac SRX and Jaguar XFR, while others are aimed at a more entry-level market, like the attractive Kia Forte and Chevrolet Equinox. And while they debuted at the Montreal Auto Show in January, funky vehicles like the Kia Soul, Nissan Cube and Honda's new Insight hybrid will surely attract plenty of crowds.

## Baby Benz on a budget

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- Solid feel at the driving wheel

Why did Mercedes-Benz choose Moncton as the venue to launch its face-lifted five-door hatch? Because it's the "New B" in New Brunswick! Get it? No? OK, so the Germans are far better at engineering than cracking jokes.

Actually, that Teutonic technical savvy has been a big part of the company's message in convincing cash-conscious Canadians that its \$30,000 B-Class Compact Sports Tourer is worth spending a little extra coin on.

You see, for all the Audi A3s, Volvo V50s and Mini Clubmans the Benz has been shopped against since bowing into Canada in 2005 (but not the U.S.), it's also rolled in with the considerably less expensive Pontiac Vibe, Mazda5 and Kia Rondo crowd too.

So why spend the extra moolah? Well, admittedly that three-pointed star on the hood carries a lot of cache, but Chris Goczan, the B's product manager, says the badge also brings the automaker's reputation for safety, comfort and road manners.

The front-drive Benz shares a platform with its Euro-only cousin, the A-Class, both employing "sandwich" con-

struction. No, not a German panini press, but a clever way of installing the four-cylinder engine almost on its side, so that in a front-end collision it's forced under, and not into, the passenger cabin.

Standard on all '09 Bs are ESP, traction control, ABS with brake assist, front, side and side-curtain airbags, active head restraints and a new feature that automatically activates the interior lights in a collision.

Inside, the Benz continues to offer class-leading space versus its physical footprint. The seat cushions, fabrics and trim are revised for 2009, along with a new entertainment/telematic system with a colour display, Bluetooth connectivity, MP3 compatibility and available iPod integration.

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## NYC theatre deals

New York City tourism officials have trumpeted two new programs in recent days to promote the city's vaunted theatre scene. On the House, from Feb. 15 to March 1, includes two-for-one tickets at more than 30 Off-Broadway shows. Visit [nycgo.com/onthouse](http://nycgo.com/onthouse) for details. Another new microsite, [nycgo.com/broadway](http://nycgo.com/broadway), provides the latest information about Broadway shows. Close to two dozen new Broadway productions will open in the coming weeks.

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# A world of cruise options awaits

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**If you still think cruises are all about retired couples and shuffleboard, you're hopelessly out of date. Today, cruise-goers can pick from a seemingly endless array of routes, dazzling ships and themes. Here are just a few notable options:**

**Pure Fantasy**

**Point of Anchor:** MSC Cruises; The Fantasia, Genoa, Italy: Recently launched by Italian movie star Sofia Loren, the Fantasia is the Paris Hilton of cruise ships; showy, glitzy and yet utterly glamorous. You should barely notice the 4,000-passenger capacity thanks to intimate yacht-like atmosphere. Leave your kids in the North Pole-themed playroom while you pamper yourself in the spa — the Q-Frequency machine that promises to wipe out cellulite, fat deposits and stretch marks.

**Rock your boat:** For a hefty upcharge per week, you'll get the key to one of the 99 restricted VIP suites of the MSC yacht club. Order chilled Dom Perignon champagne from your personal butler and walk down the Swarovski crystal-studded corridors to one of the secluded hot

tubs or private lounges.

**All aboard:** The Fantasia seven-day Mediterranean cruise leaves from the Italian port town of Genoa, stopping off the shores of Sicily, Tunisia, Spain and France.

**Info:** [mscfantasia.com](http://mscfantasia.com)

**Around the world**

**Point of Anchor:** Cunard Cruises; The Queen Mary 2, New York: One of the last remaining old-school cruise liners is the lavishly built Queen Mary 2. You and the other 2,620 passengers will embark on a 106-day cruise around the world. Over the course of the journey, you'll visit more than 15 maiden ports, anchoring off the shores of China or disembarking to sand-surf over the golden dunes of Dubai. You can also do a spot of surfing in Honolulu or haggle for jewelry in the bustling souk of Oman.

**Rock your boat:** The QM2 is a floating homage to its predecessor, the elegant QM1 cruise liner (which also carried troops throughout the Second World War). Drift back to another era as you enter the Grand Lobby, home of the largest ballroom floor at sea or by attending a performance at the Royal Court Theatre, whose shows rival ones in Lon-



Above, The Queen Mary 2, left, the world's largest and most expensive luxury liner, sails near its namesake ship, the Queen Mary, for the first time in February 2006 at Long Beach, Calif.. The original Queen Mary, launched in 1934, has been permanently moored since 1967.



The Dahabeya Hadeel sails the River Nile.

don's West End.

**All aboard:** World Cruise from Jan. 12 to Apr. 29, 2010.

**Info:** [cunard.com](http://cunard.com)

**Diamond in the Sea**

**Point of Anchor:** Fashion TV; The F-Diamond: Join the fashionistas on board Fashion TV's new 140-metre yacht, the F-Diamond, which can cater to parties of up to 1,000. It's not

quite a front-row seat at a Chanel haute, couture show, but more of an excuse to gawp at scantily-clad catwalk models and not feel too bad about it. Hosting crazy fashion par-

ties (which can be filmed for a post-party review) and skimpy bikini-shows, this is a cruise suited for people with a bit of a wild streak. Dance the night away on the upper deck, but save some adrenalin for the casino.

**Rock your boat:** Up to 50 international models compete onboard to become Miss FTV, and passengers can form part of the judging panel. Take it or leave it — this may be a one in a lifetime chance to be stranded in the middle of the ocean surrounded by 50 models.

**All aboard:** The F-TV cruise yacht makes interval stops at selected Mediterranean ports.

**Info:** [ftv.com](http://ftv.com)

**Eager for Egypt**

**Point of Anchor:** Right Travel, Dahabeya Hadeel, Nile River, Egypt: Sail the turquoise waters of the River Nile on board the Dahabeya Hadeel. Discover the rich cultural heritage of Egypt whilst taking time to relax on the sailboat. Over the course of eight days, you'll see many of Egypt's most spectacular sights, including the Philae Temple, the Colossi of Memnon and the city of Edfu, where you'll see the Temple of Horus.

**Rock your boat:** All these historical facts and sights may enrich your cultural knowledge, but at the end of the day, nothing really beats a bit of mindless fun. Hop off the sailboat and onto a camel or donkey when you stop off in El Kab one Egypt's oldest cities.

**Info:** [right-travel.com](http://right-travel.com)

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Forget Paris and Venice — with a little imagination, you'll find that Canada boasts plenty of locations to inspire lovers.

### Ontario

Many package deals can be found for Valentine's Day visits to Niagara Falls, but if you're looking for something a little more private, and a lot more original, take hold of your lover's hand — and heart — and climb to the top of Ontario's highest point of land.

Temagami, in northeastern Ontario, is home to Caribou Mountain, a large hill with a steep cliff. It may not be the Rockies, but the region is home to a lake and forest, non-commercialized and indisputably private — a 2006 Statistics Canada report put Temagami's population at less than 1,000.

While a significant part of the area is home to an First Nations community, there's a provincial park



If you can't find a romantic spot in Canada, you're not trying.

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with nearby cottages welcoming tourists.

### Quebec

The ability to speak French is of course very sexy, but you don't have to be Pepe Le Pew to bring that extra bit of distinction to your Valentine's Day dinner. In Quebec City, you can treat your partner to a horse-

drawn carriage ride down cobblestone streets and past 17th century architecture that's just dripping with European flair.

### British Columbia

Money can't buy you love but it can sure pay for some fabulously romantic outings. Victoria's one of Canada's most expensive cities, but it's also one of its classiest, most historical and most scenic.

We all know that men love visuals and women love substance, and this city has both. Winter weather in Victoria is relatively mild, so you and your sweetie can attempt to stroll hand and hand along the coastal waters.

### Nova Scotia

Dating one of those people who always thinks they're right? Check out Digby, N.S., which has a population of 2,300 and coastal waters as clear as champagne. Its residents consider it to be the most romantic town in Canada — and they have an excellent case, but you'll never know for sure unless you go.

### Alberta

Set the sights for your relationship high while gazing at the Rockies. Show how deep your love is by diving into one of Banff's many hot springs. Taking time out to appreciate natural phenomena can remind couples how nice it is to have someone with whom to share the wonder of life.

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**Cruise cup up for auction**

Tom Cruise's coffee cup is up for auction. A Brazilian website is selling the container reportedly used by the actor while on holiday in Brazil. So far the empty cup has a sale price of \$2,200 US. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)

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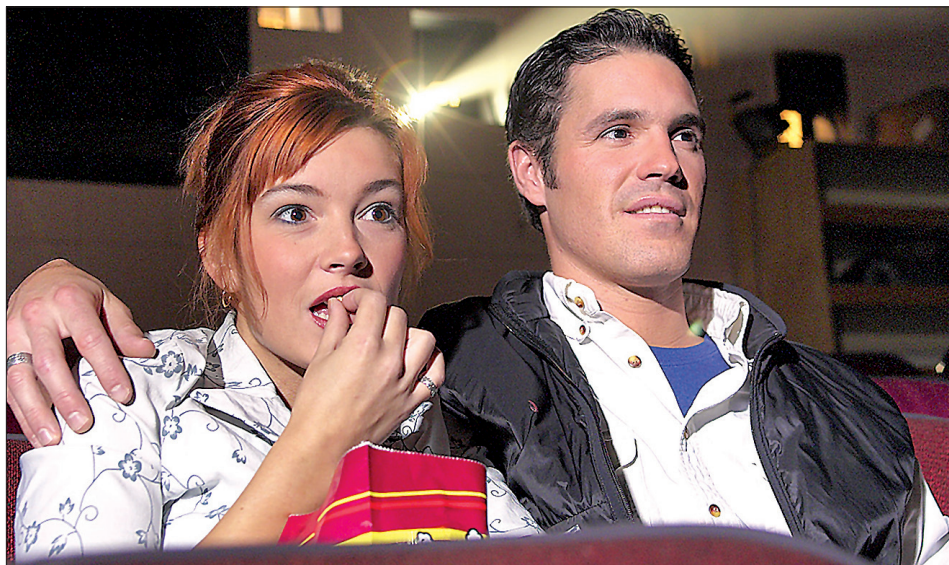
# Entertainment

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## Beach beauty

Israeli beauty Bar Refaeli — who is dating Leonardo DiCaprio — will appear on the cover of Sports Illustrated's 2009 swimsuit edition.

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Movies are a great conversation builder, but not always the best choice for the first date.

## Movie romance

Watching flicks together great for date night

ROBYN YOUNG  
for Metro Canada



**Ah, the movies. What better way to spend a frigid Friday night in February with your latest crush? Sitting in a dark theatre, close enough for your shoulders and elbows to touch, and maybe reaching for that hot, buttery popcorn or the Junior Mints at the same time.**

Going to the movies has always been a good date-night option says Paul Dergarabedian, box office analyst for Hollywood.com. "There's just something about dinner and a movie that really says romance," he said. "You can bond through the experience of enjoying a movie together and being able to talk about it after."

Movies are a great conversation builder and

point of reference for people, he said. "So it instantly allows rapport to develop between you," he added.

But be careful, warns dating expert Kim Hughes, editor-in-chief for online dating site Lavalife, going to the movies is not always the best first date.

"You don't really get a chance to get to know each other," she said. The dating guru says that going to a movie on the first date is also too much of a time commitment.

"As a general rule we say great first dates ... are about an hour," she said. "Because that way, if it's fantastic, you can make a second date and go to a movie or go out for dinner or commit more time."

"If it's not fantastic, then an hour is a manageable amount of time to lose."

And although a romantic comedy might seem like a

## Valentine's Day

perfect date-night movie pick, Hughes suggests steering clear of them at the beginning of a relationship.

"I think that there would be kind of a squirmy factor with that," she said.

For Valentine's Day weekend, Dergarabedian suggests a good date movie — as strange as it may sound — might be the new version of Friday the 13th.

Romantic comedies such as He's Just Not That Into You and Confessions of a Shopaholic are also in theatres in time for Valentine's Day, but Hughes suggests these might be better to go see with friends.

Or, at least until you've gotten past those initial awkward stages of the dating game.

## Entertainment in brief

**MOVIES** Moviefone has released its list of the most romantic comedies in time for Valentine's Day. Here are the top 20:

20. Herold and Maude (1971)
19. The 40 Year Old Virgin (2005)
18. Tootsie (1982)
17. Something Wild (1986)
16. Sixteen Candles (1984)

15. Muriel's Wedding (1994)
14. The Shop Around the Corner (1940)
13. The Wedding Singer (1988)
12. Jerry Maguire (1996)
11. His Girl Friday (1940)
10. Bridget Jones's Diary (2001)
9. It Happened One Night (1934)
8. Groundhog Day (1993)

7. Some Like it Hot (1959)
6. Four Weddings and a Funeral (1997)
5. Pretty Woman (1990)
4. Moonstruck (1987)
3. Annie Hall (1977)
2. The Philadelphia Story (1940)
1. When Harry Met Sally (1989)

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# Designer says stay true to yourself

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for Metro Canada

**Vancouver designer**  
**Christie Clayton got the**

**boot on last night's episode of Project Runway Canada for creating a dress even she admitted wasn't true to her design**

**vision.**  
Clayton, 30, was emotional and upset during the judging panel of last night's episode as she con-

ceded to the judges that her garment — a dress with a silky top half and high waist shorts in the bottom half — just wasn't

her.  
She said the worst part was feeling that she hadn't stayed true to her own ideals as a designer.

## Tuesdays

- The second season of Project Runway Canada airs every Tuesday night on Global.

## critics' corner

**Lost**  
We need Dramamine just to keep us from passing out with all these twists. Locke (Terry O'Quinn) takes on the burden of trying to stop the island's increasingly violent shifts through time. Meanwhile, Ben (Michael Emerson) hits a roadblock in his attempt to reunite the Oceanic 6 and bring them back to the island in "This Place Is Death." 10 PM on ABC ASN



**Anna and Kristina's Grocery Bag**  
On her cooking show "Nigella Express," British chef Nigella Lawson specializes in food that's long on taste but takes a short time to prepare. In this new episode, Anna and Kristina put to the test six recipes from the "Nigella Express" companion cookbook to see if they really are fast, easy and nonstressful for someone coming off a long workday to make. They also offer tips on choosing a kitchen scale. 9 PM on W

**SOUL**  
Mahalia just wants to sing. She's certainly good at. But how, where and for whom should she be using her gift? That's the crux of this new drama series, which casts Ottawa-born soul-pop sensation Keshia Chante as teenage Mahalia, a preacher's daughter. Her dad (Michael Rawlins) wants her to keep singing for the Lord, but a recording industry executive is tempting her with the promise of Beyonce-level stardom. 10 PM on V

"When you make something you don't believe in for people who are really important, it's really tough," Clayton told Metro. "I learned to trust my own judgment. The big lesson was to always follow your heart and trust your own instinct."  
Now that she's off the show, Clayton is happy to be back at her own clothing line, Carny Love (carnylove.com), getting her new spring and summer collection ready. She admits the whole experience was worth it.  
"I learned a lot about myself," Clayton said.



Christie Clayton

## GlobalStyle

### Kenya Hunt

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family	51	51	51	PEACH	Seinfeld	Friends	House-Payne	House-Payne	A Simple Plan ** (1998, Suspense)	Bill Paxton, Billy Bob Thornton.		
	206	206	206	PIX	(6:30) The Net ** (1995, Suspense)			A Lapse of Memory (1992, Drama)		Jason X * (2002, Horror) Lexa Doig.		
	67	67	67	RDI	RDI en direct	RDI en direct	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Grands reportages (SC)	Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI en direct
	39	39	39	SHOW	Wife Swap		The Outer Limits		About a Girl	About a Girl	The Guard (HDTV)	Big Love
	40	40	40	SLICE	X-Weighted "Sarah"		Til Debt-Part	Rich Poor	Chop Shop (N)	Mr. Friday	Real Housewives of OC	Kimora: Fab
	47	47	47	SPACE	Stargate SG-1 "Urgo"		Stargate Atlantis (DVS)		Lost		Star Trek: Voyager	Rabbit Fall
	14	14	14	SPIKE	CSI: NY (HDTV)		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC's Ultimate Fight Night	
	57	98	98	STAR	etalk	Hollywood	The Ellen DeGeneres Show (N)		TMZ (N)	etalk	Blush: Make-Up Artist	Tonight Show
	21	21	21	TLC	What Not to Wear		Mystery Diagnosis		My Shocking Story		World's Smallest People	Tallest Woman
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Larry Birkhead says he still struggles with the death of Anna Nicole Smith, which happened two years ago Sunday. "It's hard to believe that Anna is gone," Birkhead — who fathered two-year-old Dannielynn with the actress — tells Usmagazine.com. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Rihanna delays her concert in Malaysia

**CAREER** Usmagazine.com is reporting that Rihanna has postponed a concert in Malaysia this week, an organizer confirmed Tuesday to the website.

Rihanna's Los Angeles-based reps informed Malaysia's Pineapple Concerts that a show slated for Friday would have to be rescheduled to an unspecified date "in light of recent events involving Rihanna," Pineapple Concerts said in a statement to the Associated Press.

Indonesia and Malaysia were the latest stops on the singer's Good Girl Gone Bad tour. The singer intends to travel back to her native Barbados to be with family, usmagazine.com re-

ports.

The website adds that she is also providing "ongoing" cooperation with police during their battery investigation against Brown, a police source tells the Los Angeles Times. Unnamed sources told the Times that Rihanna (real name: Robyn Fenty) told police that Brown had hurt her the night before the Grammys.

Meanwhile, Brown who will be arraigned March 5, boarded a private plane leaving L.A. on Monday, Us magazine reports. The website also says Brown has pulled out of an appearance at the NBA All-Stars, a league spokesperson confirmed.

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## Bullock doesn't rule out children

**FAMILY** More than three years into her marriage to Jesse James, Sandra Bullock says she enjoys being a stepmother — though she hasn't ruled out having her own children as well, people.com reports.

"I have family in spades," Bullock, 44, tells InStyle magazine for its March issue. The actress' husband has three children — son Jesse Jr., 11, and daughters Chandler, 14, and Sunny, 5 — from two previous marriages.

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## Duff defends remarks

**CAREER** Hilary Duff says she doesn't regret dissing Faye Dunaway, usmagazine.com reports.

After Dunaway, 68, criticized Duff's acting skills when she learned the singer, 21, was assuming her role in an upcoming remake of 1967's Bonnie and Clyde, Duff sniped, "None of my fans even knew who she is."

On Tuesday's Bonnie and Clyde Show, Duff defends her remarks.

"She started acting way later than I did so I think I have time to grow and grow with

each project," she says. "I am learning and work hard at my craft."

While Duff admits her remark was mean, she says, "It's not OK for people to take stabs at you and to say mean things for no reason."

Hunt tried to comfort Duff on the episode of her talk show, saying: "I think even Faye went through a time, if you look historically, where some people might have said that about her," Hunt tells the singer.

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## Jolie frets over earrings

**PEOPLE** Angelina Jolie lost a pair of multi-million dollar diamond earrings, femalefirst.co.uk reports, as she was preparing to board her flight and called hotel staff, begging them to search her suite.

The Changeling star left the Asprey jewellery she wore to the BAFTA Awards on Sunday in her suite at London's Dorchester Hotel when she left to return to the U.S.

The 33-year-old actress realized she had forgotten the earrings as she was preparing to board her flight and called hotel staff, begging them to search her suite. A source said: "Staff got a frantic call from Angelina at the airport, urging them to take her room apart. Happily, the diamonds were found after a 90-minute search and promptly sent back to Los Angeles."

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## Hudson and Owen reunite

**RELATIONSHIP** Hollywood's on-again, off-again couple — Kate Hudson and Owen Wilson — are on yet again, people.com is reporting.

"They're back together," a source tells People magazine of the pair, who spent all of Sunday together at Wilson's Malibu home. Also there: Hudson's 5-year-old son Ryder.

Hudson, 29, and Wilson, 40, most recently re-

united in Feb. 2008, when they appeared cozy at last year's Academy Awards.

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## Richards' Dancing fears

**CAREER** Denise Richards ple magazine about her called her last foray into new role as contestant on reality TV It's Complicated the eighth season of Dancing With the Stars. "All I hope is that I don't embarrass my girls."

Daughters Sam, 4, and Lola, 3, will be cheering on Richards, 37, throughout the competition.

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## Miley apologizes again for photo

**APOLOGY** Miley Cyrus has made a second apology over her racially offensive photograph, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Hannah Montana star — who last week spoke out about the picture of her slanting her eyes, but was later blasted for being disingenuous — has issued a more serious and heartfelt apology.

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## Spears to pay Fed \$5,000 to see sons

**PEOPLE** Britney Spears will pay Kevin Federline \$5,000 U.S. a week so she can see her sons while on tour, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

It has been reported a deal has been signed by the Womanizer singer and her ex-husband, to ensure Spears has access to their two children while she is on the road.

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## Kanye parties with three women

**PEOPLE** Kanye West sneaked out of a Los Angeles nightclub with three women, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The rapper, who has been single since splitting from fiancée Alexis Phifer last year, was surrounded by females at the launch of Belvedere IX

Vodka at Los Angeles' My-House last week.

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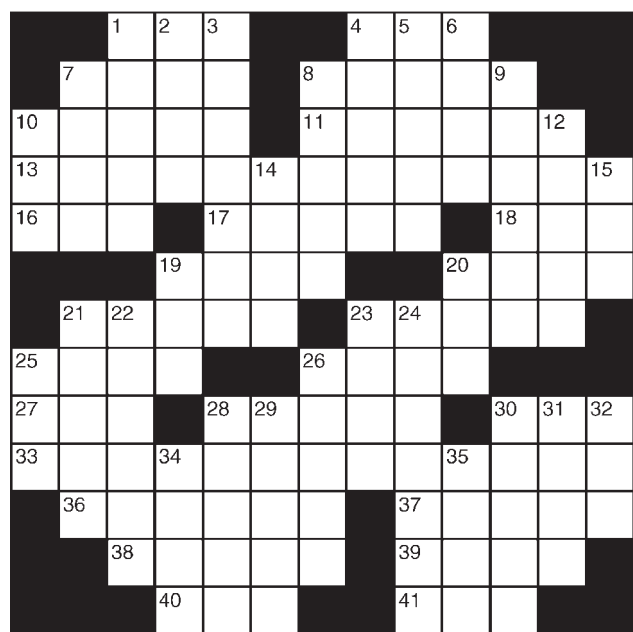
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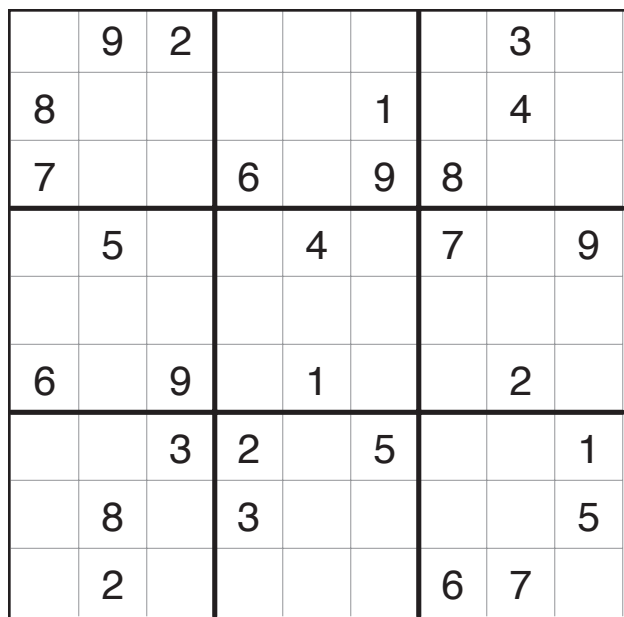
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## Take Five



### Sudoku

**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



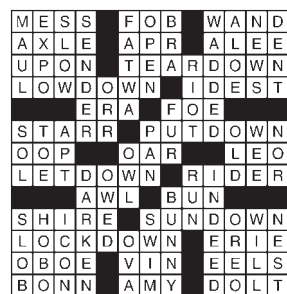
### Crossword across

- 1 Vacationing
- 4 Bribe
- 7 Duel tool
- 8 Stimulant
- 10 Gave it a whack
- 11 Light brown fur
- 13 Department store employee
- 16 "A Chorus Line" song
- 17 Circular
- 18 Anger
- 19 Exceptional
- 20 Oklahoma city
- 21 Invigorating
- 23 Spree
- 25 Appear
- 26 Colour quality
- 27 Branch
- 28 Streetcars' kin
- 30 High-arc shot
- 33 Storm-predicting agency
- 36 In layers
- 37 Shabby
- 38 Indigent
- 39 Hollywood clasher
- 40 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 41 Lair

### Crossword down

- 1 Put one's two cents in
- 2 Nourish
- 3 Men's hats
- 4 Reject with disdain
- 5 Made up one's mind
- 6 Pron. type
- 7 "— go brag!"
- 8 Excessive
- 9 On the way up
- 10 Even number
- 12 Eagle's home
- 14 Drudgery
- 15 Roulette bet
- 19 Edge
- 20 Compass dir.
- 21 Jaunty chapeau
- 22 Go nowhere
- 23 Zero-star movie
- 24 Protected, in a way
- 25 Witnessed
- 26 Late
- 28 "... — Men in a Tub"
- 29 High-pitched
- 30 Spill the beans
- 31 Dinner for Dobbin
- 32 Purchase
- 34 Prepared to drive (with "up")
- 35 Anger

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



2	3	6	7	8	5	4	9	1
9	8	5	4	1	2	3	6	7
1	7	4	9	6	3	5	2	8
6	4	2	8	3	7	9	1	5
8	1	9	5	2	6	7	4	3
3	5	7	1	9	4	2	8	6
4	6	8	3	5	9	1	7	2
7	2	3	6	4	1	8	5	9
5	9	1	2	7	8	6	3	4

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<b>SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:</b>	17-21 min .....	Smart
Under 13 min .....	21-25 min .....	Not bad
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### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Butternut Squash Gratin

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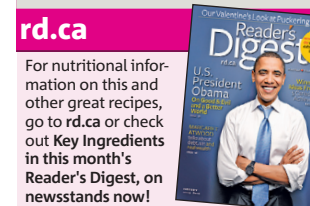
1 butternut squash, about 2 lbs (1 kg), halved crosswise, then lengthwise, seeded and peeled  
1 medium red onion, halved and thinly sliced  
1 1/2 cups (375 ml) frozen corn kernels, thawed  
2 1/4 tsp (11 ml) extra virgin olive oil  
1/3 cup (75 ml) grated Parmesan cheese

#### METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C). Quarter butternut squash pieces lengthwise and then cut crosswise into 1/2-in. (1-cm) thick

chunks. Combine squash, onion, corn and oil in large bowl, tossing to coat.  
2. Arrange vegetables in a 13 x 9-in. (30 x 20-cm) baking dish. Bake until butternut squash is tender, 40 minutes, stirring halfway through cooking time.  
3. Sprinkle Parmesan cheese over vegetables and bake until melted and golden, 5 minutes.

**SERVES 4**



### Horoscopes

### AVATAR VENUS

**ARIES**  
**MARCH 21-APRIL 20**  
All is well, whether you know it or not. Don't argue with anyone who is on an emotional rollercoaster. Contact an estranged friend to apologize.



**TAURUS**  
**APRIL 21-MAY 21**  
You'll sigh with relief when you find you don't need to know everything. Be patient with an inconsistent visitor. A hacker causes a serious problem.



**LIBRA**  
**SEPT 23-OCT 23**  
A spoiled brat makes you groan. Keep quiet about a secret deal. A casual observer will have much to say about solutions to problems.



**SCORPIO**  
**OCT 24-NOV 22**  
Your anxiety about the future must be dispelled. Broken promises lead to an important insight. An important man needs your help.



**GEMINI**  
**MAY 22-JUNE 21**  
Ask if you want to know the true purpose of a visit. Increase your happiness without spending money. You're unscathed by a stressful situation.



**SAGITTARIUS**  
**NOV 23-DEC 21**  
An injustice won't please you and you'll say so. Sharing your sadness will soothe you. Someone makes sense when he kicks up a fuss.



**CANCER**  
**JUNE 22-JULY 22**  
Vulgar language upsets you. Your hunger for an adventure will soon be satisfied. A no-nonsense person will be unsentimental about the past.



**CAPRICORN**  
**DEC 22-JAN 20**  
A man leaves sooner than he planned. Use your good judgment about choices. An insincere woman grates on your nerves.



**LEO**  
**JULY 23-AUG 23**  
Shabby treatment causes you to lose interest. The least said about a clash, the better. Outrageous news will come through outside sources.



**AQUARIUS**  
**JAN 21-FEB 18**  
A slothful man tames a frightened friend. Surprising news will come from a sinister person. A guilty woman admits to witnessing an incident.



**VIRGO**  
**AUG 24-SEPT 22**  
Be careful about what you say. Commitment demands will be offensive. A confession is funny when temptation can't be avoided.



**PISCES**  
**FEB 19-MARCH 20**  
A service person clears up some confusion. A self-disciplined guy benefits from your friendship. Your worries will bloom if you overreact.



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1. Aviate way, way up (1)
2. Pig meat metric unit (1)
3. Boot lisa's love in "Casablanca" (1)
4. More terrible hospital worker (1)
5. Crooner Crosby's bed coils (1)
6. Sexier one who ties sheepshanks (2)
7. Suppressing burping (2)

**ANSWERS**  
1. BING SPRINGS 2. HAM GRAM 3. KICK RICK 4. WORS NURSE  
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